

# Confidence: The Power Of God In Prayer

*"Elijah: Taking A Stand", Part 3 of 4  
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*"Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops."*  
(James 5:17-18, NIV)

## Learning To Experience The Power Of God In Prayer

### I) Powerful prayer involves BEING HUMBLE before God.

*"And Elijah said to Ahab, 'Go, eat and drink, for there is the sound of a heavy rain.' So Ahab went off to eat and drink, but Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel, bent down to the ground and put his face between his knees."* (1 Kings 18:41-42, NIV)

*"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."* (1 Peter 5:6-7, NIV)

### II) Powerful prayer involves STAYING PERSISTENT with God.

*"Go and look toward the sea,' he told his servant. And he went up and looked. There is nothing there,' he said. Seven times Elijah said, 'Go back.'"* (1 Kings 18:43, NIV)

*"Keep on asking, and you will be given what you ask for. Keep on looking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And the door is opened to everyone who knocks."*  
(Matthew 7:7-8, NLT)

### III) Powerful prayer involves EXPECTING ANSWERS from God.

*"The seventh time the servant reported, 'A cloud as small as a man's hand is rising up from the sea.' So Elijah said, 'Go and tell Ahab, 'Hitch up your chariot and go down before the rain stops you.'" Meanwhile, the sky grew black with clouds, the wind rose, a heavy rain came on and Ahab rode off to Jezreel." (1 Kings 18:44-45, NIV)*

*"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know he hears us— whatever we ask— we know that we have what we asked of him."* (1 John 5:14-15, NIV)

## The Result?

*"The power of the Lord came upon Elijah and, tucking his cloak into his belt, he ran ahead of Ahab all the way to Jezreel." (1 Kings 18:46, NIV)*

## Now What?

*"Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."*  
(James 5:13-16, NIV)